



The Natural State Scribe



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Welcome A Word From The Editor

Welcome to the first ever edition of the Natural State Scribe! We here at the National Weather Service are certainly excited. We hope you will find this newsletter informative, entertaining and educational. We hope to relay to you, our customers, some insight to what actually goes on at your National Weather Service. This newsletter is a "living document", a work in progress if you will. Please feel free to send me any comments, questions, suggestions, concerns and even your criticisms. I am very interested in hearing what you think about it and how you think it can be improved upon. Feel free to e-mail me at

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I look forward to hearing from you.

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New weather radio voices debut

Mike Reid

On May 28, 2002 the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Little Rock debuted two new voices on its NOAA Weather Radio. The new voices, dubbed Craig and Donna, initially began broadcasting the hourly weather, local forecast, and the state forecast products. Designed to replace the original digitalized voice that went online over a year ago... Craig and Donna are the latest effort to improve the quality of the NOAA Weather Radio broadcast.

The new voices came about as a result of a study of several voices by the National Weather Service. The voices were made available to the



public via the Internet, and more than 19000 comments were received from a public internet survey. The comments were evaluated, and the Craig and Donna voices were deemed the best liked voices by the public. During the month of July, upgrades were made to the NOAA Weather Radio computers, and more products

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Autumn
began
11:55 P.M.
Sept. 22

"There is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather"
John Ruskin

"Some people are weather wise, but most are otherwise."

Benjamin Franklin

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